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REASON: 1.4 (b), (d)

¶1. (C) On September 15 PolEcon Chief delivered reftel demarche to Dodhudo Pirov, Director of Asian and African Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Pirov said the Government of Tajikistan well understood that the electoral process in Afghanistan was not finished, and that there could be a second round of voting. Tajikistan would respect this process, and not take any actions to prejudge the results of the process, Pirov said.

¶2. (C) Ambassador will also convey this demarche when he makes his initial call on the Foreign Minister, scheduled for September 18, and will likewise raise it with President Rahmon when he presents his credentials (date TBD). Post will report any further substantive reaction septel.

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